Losses of Paradeep Phosphates Limited

3080. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Paradeep Phosphates Limited a public sector undertaking is heading for closure;

(b) if so, what are the accumulated losses suffered by PPL and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to make the company economically viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The accumulated losses of PPL amounted to Rs. 125.02 crores upto 31st March, 1991. The losses were mainly due to poor capacity utilisation on account of inadequate availability of phosphoric acid and ammonia and industrial relation problems.

(c) With better availability of phosphoric acid, the Company's operations have already shown improvement during 1991-92, with a net profit of about Rs. 16.38 crores (provisional).

Reduction in fertiliser subsidy

3081. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have reduced fertiliser subsidy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the impact of reduction of fertiliser subsidy on the fertiliser industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) & (b) The consumer prices of controlled fertilizers were increased by 40 per cent on an average w.e.f. 25-7-1991, but the increase was reduced to 30 per cent on an average w.e.f. 14-8-1991. In addition, some low analysis fertilizers were decontrolled and a ceiling or subsidy payable per tonne of Single Superphosphate (SSP) was also imposed w.e.f. 25-7-1991. To this extent there has been reduction in fertilizer subsidy.

(c) Though fertilizer industry has not been adversely affected by increase in consumer prices, some high cost units might have been affected on account of decontrol of low analysis fertilizers and imposition of ceiling on subsidy payable per tonne of SSP.

खरीफ की फसल के लिए उर्वरकों की कमी

3082. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री छोटूभाई पटेल :

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस वर्ष किन-किन राज्यों में खरीफ की फसल के लिये उर्वरक की कमी है ;

(ख) इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) ऐसे राज्यों को उर्वरक की पर्याप्त पूर्ति उपलब्ध कराने के लिये सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ; और

(घ) यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिये कि सीमांत, छोटे और बड़े कृषकों को उर्वरकों पर दी जाने वाली राज सहायता का पर्याप्त लाभ मिले, सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं अथवा उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन) : (क) से (ग) समग्र रूप से चालू खरीफ 1992 मौसम के दौरान देश में प्रमुख उर्वरकों की उपलब्धि संतोषजनक बनी हुई है । फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन आफ इंडिया के तालचर एकक में उत्पादन